

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1446  
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Insurance  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Current state law sets forth requirements for health benefit plans that condition coverage for a child up to 25 years of age on the child's being a full-time student at an educational institution. However, current state law also prohibits a health benefit plan from conditioning coverage for a child younger than 25 years of age on the child's being enrolled at an educational institution. H.B. 1446 deletes the provision prohibiting a health benefit plan from conditioning coverage for a child younger than 25 years of age on the child's being enrolled at an educational institution.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

House Bill 1446 amends the Insurance Code to delete the provision prohibiting a health benefit plan from conditioning coverage for a child younger than 25 years of age on the child's being enrolled at an educational institution.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2003.